

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council held Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 27, 2013 and the workshop held February 19, 2013 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Council President Nancy F. Binns congratulated Burrillville native Rear Admiral Walter E. Carter, Jr. on his appointment as the new president of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport.

Council President Nancy F. Binns announced Pascoag Library's St. Patrick's Day events.

Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown discussed a series of events and services available through the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, including the St. Patrick's Day events, the Literacy Tales program, the Coffeehouse schedule, an informational meeting related to Medicare, and the March 25th Blood Drive.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard commented on the 2013 Relay for Life, scheduled at Branch River Park beginning at 6:00 P.M. on June 28th. Councilor Blanchard announced a yard sale to benefit the Relay for Life.

5. Petitions: None

6. Special Business: None

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business:

13-050 VOTED to open the correspondence from John Marcantonio, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Builders Association requesting a waiver of permit fees.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: A presentation was made by John Marcantonio, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Builders Association, Bob Baldwin, Co-Founder and President of Builders Helping Heroes and John Silvia, Property Transfer Manager at Homes for Our Troops. The project to build a house for Marine Corporal Kevin Dubois was reviewed. The Town Council was asked to wait permit fees on the project.

VOTED to approve the request to waive all town fees with regard to the building of this home.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

There was discussion that the program directors should have conversations with the Burrillville Sewer Commission and the appropriate Fire District.

13-051 VOTED to open the correspondence from the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee regarding allocation of recycling funds towards the purchase of Big Belly Solar Compactors.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: The proposal to place solar powered recycling compactors in public areas and the funding of the project was discussed and reviewed.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure of up to \$9,000 from the recycling fund for the purchase of the solar compactors.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward

J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-052 VOTED to declare surplus certain items listed in the correspondence of Edward J. Pienkos, Information Systems Manager.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-053 Correspondence from Kevin H. Mazzarella regarding his resignation from the Recreation Commission.

VOTED to accept with regret the resignation, to send a letter of thanks, and to refer the vacancy to the Screening Subcommittee.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-054 VOTED to open the summary of potential RIPTA route

changes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Changes proposed for 2013 were reviewed. Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, commented on his March 13, 2013 meeting with RIPTA officials. It appears that the proposed changes may not be made in 2013. The administration will continue to monitor.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-055 Proposed amendment to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, Chapter 16.5 entitled Parks and Recreation, Sec. 16.5-54.- Extended care board; for first reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

VOTED to open.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: It was noted that, pursuant to Sec. 3-15 of the charter, the first reading of the ordinance is by title. There was comment on the purpose of the amendment.

VOTED to schedule a public hearing at the call of chair.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Pending Legislation

13-056 VOTED to open consideration and action on the Two Year (2013/14) Legislative Agenda.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor

Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: There was review of the legislative agenda. In particular, the impact of historic tax credits, the proposal that local police departments not be required to issue permits to carry concealed pistols or revolvers, and the general assembly's procedures for considering legislation were discussed.

MOTION to strike item 22 (related to RIGL 11-47-11 – Weapons - License or permit to carry concealed pistol or revolver).

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The motion failed, three in favor, four opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown and John F. Pacheco III voted in opposition.

VOTED to approve the legislative agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The motion carried, six in favor, one abstention. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President

Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard abstained.

13-057 VOTED to approve a resolution in support of Historic Tax Credit in the State of Rhode Island, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council Resolution

In Support of Historic Tax Credit in the State of Rhode Island

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's construction sector has had the largest percentage loss of construction jobs in the country; and

WHEREAS, an Historic Tax Credit would provide the incentive that both large and small developers need to get projects under way and spur employment in the construction sector; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Tax Credit in existence between 2002 and 2008 pumped an estimated \$1.3 billion of private investment into the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, an Historic Tax Credit program would foster local skilled-jobs creation, attract additional private investment to areas surrounding tax credit projects, and support affordable and market-rate housing preservation and creation; and

WHEREAS, historic rehabilitation projects have been identified in the Town of Burrillville that would aid neighborhood and economic renewal, but are unlikely to go forward unless they can access state tax credit financing;

WHEREAS, a Historic Tax Credit would improve property values, attract new commercial and residential property owners, and generate new tax revenues, enhancing economic self-sufficiency and jump start Rhode Island's economic recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby affirms its belief that Rhode Island needs a strong, predictable and transparent State Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit program; that a restructured State Historic Preservation Tax Credit is one of the best economic development and neighborhood revitalization tools that Rhode Island can implement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby requests the Rhode Island General Assembly establish a new historic tax credit program.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place voted in opposition.

13-058 VOTED to support of 2013 – H 5743 Relating to Education – Foundation Level School Support.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-059 VOTED to open discussion of House Bill 2013 – H 5425 relating to Towns and Cities – the Department of Environmental Management – Jurisdiction.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns voted in opposition.

13-060 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from the Charlestown Town Council and Newport City Council requesting support of their resolutions regarding gun safety.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

10. Town Clerk/Communication:

13-061 VOTED to open the correspondence from Joseph G. Dias, Chief, Division of Planning and Redevelopment, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management regarding the 2011 Recreation Acquisition Grant – 2011-70-14 Granite Mill Park.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: The project was discussed. Inaccuracies in the name were reviewed.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-062 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Jay Manning, P.E., Principal Sanitary Engineer, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management regarding the Project Priority List Request for Projects State Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

13-063 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from the Town of New Shoreham in support of Burrillville's resolution regarding elimination of single party voting.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors

**Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown,
John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

11. Additional New Business: None

12. VOTED to adjourn at 7:49 P.M.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk